

MEETING OF THE CASE COMMITTEE HELD MARCH 19, 1968

Present: Mr. Schein  
Miss Duffy

Mrs. Casey  
Mr. Cassels  
Mr. Kilduff

At a meeting of the Case Committee held on Tuesday, March 19th, Mrs. Casey reported on four cases representative of three different categories of service; one Brief Service, two Continued Service Short Term and one Continued Service Long Term.

Representative of the Short Term case was the case of Mrs. F. She had accepted an appointment at Family Service Bureau and at another agency simultaneously. At the time she kept the appointment at our agency she had already had her appointment at the other agency and had accepted continued service from them. She used her contact here to try and obtain reassurance that she had made the right decision and we did underscore the right decision insofar as getting help was concerned and encouraged her to follow through where she had made her commitment.

The two Short Term Continued Service cases are short term in the sense that they have been known to the agency one and two months respectively. The telephone contacts during this time have been daily and sometimes twice and three times daily. Both situations came at a time of crisis. In both situations there was a need for intensive service during the period of the initial contact.

One case involved the departure of the mother from the home in a family of six children, ranging in age from infancy to 16 years. The mother made the contact at the agency asking for help in setting up a home apart from her husband.

The second case involved the announcement by the mother that she was interested in another man and intended to set up a home for herself and her children with this other man. In this case the father came to the agency asking what he could do and what he should do. He wanted to maintain his family unit.

In the first case, within the month, the father contacted the agency and this family is now reunited. In the second case, the family is together, but the mother is still largely absent from the home.

The Long Term Continued Service case was presented by Mr. Cassels and was a continuation of a case that was presented to the Case Committee approximately a year ago. Developments in the interval were related to the committee. This case also involved the crisis in the marital relationship and eventually the wife left the home. The father was in the process of trying to establish a home without the mother at the time the case was last presented and his progress toward this end was related to the committee at this time.